

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A skin cleansing composition comprising (A) 3 to 80 wt. % of an oil component, (B) 1 to 45 wt. % of a hydrophilic nonionic surfactant, (C) 1 to 45 wt. % of a lipophilic amphiphile which is at least one amphiphile selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants having an HLB value of 8 or less, fatty alcohols having 8 to 25 carbon atoms, fatty acids having 8 to 25 carbon atoms and monoalkylphosphoric acids having 8 to 25 carbon atoms, (D) 3 to 80 wt. % of a water soluble solvent and (E) 3 to 80 wt. % of water, and having an isotropic liquid phase exhibiting a bicontinuous structure

wherein, the weight ratio of the water soluble solvent (D) to the sum of the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) and lipophilic amphiphile (C), (D)/((B)+(C)), is 1 or greater.

2. (Original) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the oil component (A) has a viscosity at 25°C of 30 mPa.s or less.

3. (previously presented) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the oil component (A) is at least one oil selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin, liquid isoparaffin, neopentyl glycol dicaprate, isopropyl isostearate, cetyl 2-ethylhexanoate, isononyl isononanoate, glycerol tri(caprylate/caprate), alkyl-1,3-dimethylbutyl ethers, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane and octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane.

4. (Original) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the oil component (A) is hydrogenated polyisobutene which has a polymerization degree of from 3 to 6.

5. (Original) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) has an HLB value of more than 8 and has a hydrophobic group with 8 or more carbon atoms.

6. (previously presented) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) is at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers, polyethylene glycol sorbitan fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters and alkyl polyglucosides.

7. (previously presented) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) is at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters and alkyl polyglucosides.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein the water soluble solvent (D) is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isoprene glycol, hexylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside and propionic acid.

10. (Canceled)

11. (previously presented) The skin cleansing composition of claim 1 comprising 5 to 60 wt. % of said oil component (A).

12. (previously presented) The skin cleaning composition of claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic nonionic surfactant has an HLB value not less than 9.

13. (previously presented) The skin cleaning composition of claim 1, comprising 1 to 40 wt. % of said lipophilic amphiphile (C).

14. (previously presented) The skin cleaning composition of claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) and said lipophilic amphiphile (C) are present at a (B)/(C) weight ratio of from 0.5 to 8.

15. (previously presented) The skin cleaning composition of claim 1, comprising 5 to 70 wt. % of said water soluble solvent (D).

16. (previously presented) The skin cleaning composition of claim 1, comprising 5 to 75 wt. % of water (E).

17. (previously presented) The skin cleaning composition of claim 1, further comprising a substrate into which said skin cleaning composition is impregnated.

18. (previously presented) A method of skin cleaning comprising applying the skin cleaning composition of claim 1 to a skin surface and rinsing.

19. (previously presented) A method of removing oil soluble stains and water soluble stains from skin comprising applying the skin cleaning composition of claim 1 to a skin surface in need thereof and rinsing.